



Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis

Training and Technical Assistance for Fusion Center Analysts

Significant progress has been made by the National Network of Fusion Centers to enhance its ability to execute Critical Operational Capability (COC) 2: Analyze. The incorporation of suspicious activity reporting (SAR) into fusion center analytic processes is a priority focus that will support achievement of the COCs. To accelerate the incorporation of SAR within fusion center analytic processes, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) are supporting delivery of the following services for analysts.

Suspicious Activity Reporting: The Analytic Role

This foundational course provides an overview of the NSI to ensure that analysts are able to recognize terrorism-related pre-incident indicators and fully understand the evaluation process used to determine whether identified behavior meets the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)-SAR Functional Standard criteria, in accordance with privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections. This course also reviews the technical processes and procedures for submitting a SAR into the NSI SAR Data Repository (SDR). The training is delivered in an 8-hour workshop format.

Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis Course

Once analysts are proficient on the ISE-SAR Functional Standard and familiar with the NSI SDR, they can formally analyze SAR to inform fusion center analytic efforts and products. This course will provide instruction on various methods and approaches to analyzing SAR as part of overall fusion center analytic processes. Specifically, the course will instruct participants in the methods for evaluating SARs; conducting a structured inquiry focused on SAR trends, relationships, and patterns; and incorporating SAR analysis into fusion center product development. The training is delivered in a 16-hour workshop format.

SAR Analysis Technical Assistance

The SAR Analysis Technical Assistance is a four- to eight-hour on-site assistance visit to review the analysis process of SARs received at the center. Included in this assistance is the following:

- ▲ Review of functional standard 1.5
- ▲ Review of fusion center workflow for vetting of SARs
- ▲ Review of fusion center policy for the receipt and dissemination of SARs
- ▲ Hands-on utilization of the eGuardian search tool

NSI Executive Briefing

The NSI Executive Briefing is a two- to four-hour briefing to review the entire NSI program for fusion center command staff, parent agency command staff, and/or the fusion center oversight board. Command-level personnel are briefed on the history and purpose of the NSI, standardized policies that have been implemented, and the expectations of fusion center participation.

- ▲ Overview of the NSI program
- ▲ History and justification for the program
- ▲ Fusion center responsibilities and expectations
- ▲ Nationwide process for sharing and analyzing SARs

Suspicious Activity Reporting: The Analytic Role

- ISE-SAR Functional Standard
- Protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties
- Submitting SARs
- NSI SAR Data Repository



Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis Course

- Methods and approaches for SAR analysis
- Evaluating SARs
- Analysis of SAR trends, relationships, and patterns
- Incorporating SAR analysis into products



Privacy Policy Technical Assistance

The Privacy Policy Technical Assistance is a four- to eight-hour on-site assistance visit to review and update fusion center privacy policies to deal with legal changes and technology upgrades. Due to the many new sources of information that are available and new technologies such as license plate readers, facial recognition software, and data warehouses, there is a need to review and update privacy policies.

- ▲ Review of current legal policies
- ▲ Briefing for privacy officers on policy mandates
- ▲ Briefing for command on privacy requirements
- ▲ Review of data access and sharing policies

Liaison Officer Technical Assistance

The Liaison Officer Technical Assistance is a four- to eight-hour on-site technical assistance visit to work with liaison officers affiliated with the fusion centers. These officers are critical to the process of obtaining SARs from first response agencies. There is a need to ensure their commitment to the process and their understanding of the parameters involved with the NSI.

- ▲ Review of NSI workflow process
- ▲ Review of ISE-SAR Functional Standard for sharing SAR information
- ▲ Workshop the 16 behaviors that are indicative of pre-terrorism activities
- ▲ Overview of privacy protections and considerations

Sector-Specific Technical Assistance

The critical infrastructure sectors security personnel need to fully understand the nationwide reporting processes for suspicious activity potentially relating to terrorism. The Sector-Specific Technical Assistance is an adjunct to and expansion of the current maritime initiative to inform maritime personnel of the NSI. This assistance could be expanded to other priority critical infrastructure sectors, such as transportation, energy, and government facilities. This is a four-hour on-site delivery.

- ▲ Overview of sector-specific online training
- ▲ Review of ISE-SAR Functional Standard for sharing SAR information
- ▲ Workshop the 16 behaviors that are indicative of pre-terrorism activities
- ▲ Overview of privacy protections and considerations

For More Information

To support the implementation of the NSI, a Web site was created to offer resources, frontline officer training, and other items of interest related to the NSI. The Web site is available at <http://nsi.ncirc.gov>.